

KEN SHIN KAI – 2018 AGM - MINUTES FROM 2017 AGM

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 13:30 on 15th October 2017
Admiral Lord Nelson School, Copnor, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO3 5XT.

Attendance:

Garry Masters	Chairman (Executive Committee)
Richard Lewis	Chief Instructor (Executive Committee)
Roger Bish	Vice-Chairman (Executive Committee)
Malcolm Courts	Club Instructor (Executive Committee)
Dee Masters	Secretary (Executive Committee)
Mark Coldbreath	Club Instructor (Executive Committee)

Eric Woodgate, Darren Foulger, Jake Castle, Nigel Bilton, Maz Coldbreath.

Full Reports

Will be made available to download from the website: Members – Coaching – Reference
(www.kenshinkai.org.uk/coaching.aspx)

1. Apologies for Absence:

Lukasz Bartlomiej, Stephen Heath, Gareth Jones.

2. Minutes Approved

Minutes of last meeting approved by Roger Bish & Jake Castle.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Mat Insurance (Previous minutes ref 3.1)

The association will investigate the cost of mat insurance for the three venues (Admiral Lord Nelson School, Fareham Leisure Centre, Llandrindod Wells Sports Centre), that the mats are being used/stored.

D. Masters

4 Secretary's Report (highlights, see full report on website, for details)

4.1 Affiliated Members

Go Ryu Kai (Sensei Malcolm Crawford) clubs based at Chichester (Sensei Malcolm Crawford) and Sutton (Sensei Tony Hughes) are affiliated for licences (BAB insurance) purposes only.

4.2 British Aikido Board (BAB)

The BAB (AGM/General) meeting in Solihull was attended in May by G. Masters and D. Masters. Ongoing renewal of DBS checks and insurances. Kenshinkai must pay the BAB £7 per person per year for every member, £50 per dojo/club per year and an additional annual fee to cover all membership and insurance costs of the BAB.

4.3 Grant Aid

None received.

4.4 Dojos (changes)

Llandrindod Wells club changing from Wednesday to Tuesday and Fridays changing to one per month weapons class. A move may be considered for Wednesday evening due to difficulty of setup/breakdown of the Drama Room at ALNS.

4.5 Main Events

Dec 2016 – Dan Grading (Daniel Burton); Dec 2016 – KSK Hampshire Xmas Meal (Las Iguanas); March/July 2017 – Junior Gradings; May 2017 – First Aid Course (Instructors); April/Oct 2017 - Adult Gradings; May/June 2017 – Yoshinkan Training in Tokyo/Kyoto (GM, RL, DM, DB KD); Aug 2017 – 10 Year Anniversary Wales Dojo & Grading; Sept 2017 – Gozo Shioda Memorial Seminar at High Wycombe Judo Centre.

4.6 Upcoming Seminars

Oct 2017 – Yoshinkan Aikido seminar with Ando Sensei in Zabrze, Poland; Dec 2017 - Dan Grading (Nigel Bilton, Lukasz Bartlomiej, Darren Foulger), Dec 2017 – KSK Hampshire Xmas Meal (Las Iguanas).

4.7 Main Awards

Daniel Burton was promoted to 2nd Dan Yoshinkan Instructor in Kenshinkai.

4.8 Weapons

Will continue for 2018 on last Friday of the month for Hampshire and Wales (bought forward one week if cancellations or other events are on the last Friday).

4.9 Website / Email / Enquiries

Email enquiries average 5 per week. Enquiries have increased since a number of links have been updated and free online advertising sites have been used. Unfortunately, these have to be updated on a regular basis or they are removed. We have identified that online advertising is the most cost-effective method of advertising going forward.

4.10 Membership

There have been 54 new members since the 1st October 2016, compared to 63 for last year and 42 for the previous year (who may not still be training or may have only attended one session). Members for this year have decreased from 85 to 82 (includes guest memberships). Qualified Instructors for this year have remained the same as the previous year at 20 (including assistant/affiliated instructors).

4.11 Correspondence

Correspondence with Sensei Malcolm Crawford. Monthly correspondence with BAB. Weekly correspondence with dojos regarding hire, payments, advertising and issues. Weekly correspondence regarding free advertising opportunities and enquiries. Quarterly newsletters created for Adult and Junior members.

4.12 Social Events

Portsmouth Fireworks on Wednesday 2nd November 2016. KSK Hampshire Xmas Meal at Las Iguanas in December 2016. Red Kite feeding and viewing and evening buffet organised by M. Coldbreath for those that attended Wales Seminar and Grading in August 2017. Social events for those that travelled to Japan.

Accepted by Mark Coldbreath and Nigel Bilton

5 Treasurers Report (highlights, see full report on website, for details)

Balance at Bank for 2017 = £6,599.15. Assets for 2017 = £0. Closing Stock for 2017 = £1,139.67. Overall Profit/Loss for 2017 shows a **PROFIT** of £2,580.88.

Accepted by Malcolm Courts and Darren Foulger

6 Social Secretary's Report (see Secretaries report)

7 Publicity / Media Officer's Report (highlights, see full report on website, for details)

7.1 Display Boards

Portable display board not currently in use, needs updating. Need suggestions as to where it could be used for short periods of time e.g. up to 2 weeks for events. Posters in one fixed display board at Admiral Lord Nelson School (café area).

7.2 Posters / Business Cards / Trifold Leaflets

Large posters need updating. Trifold leaflets distributed to Fareham Leisure Centre and Admiral Lord Nelson School. Some advertising business cards remain if anyone has suggestions on where to use them. All are available for distribution, please request from your Club Instructor.

7.3 Demonstration / Taster Sessions

None. We now run a "Taster Session" each time a new starter shows up for a first lesson instead of running specific taster sessions on set days which need a lot of advertising in advance.

7.4 Internet / Website

Kenshinkai website and Facebook groups updated on a weekly basis. Approximately 130 emails enquiries received since 1st October 2016. Over 50 website links updated regularly, some using new simpler URL of www.learn-aikido.org.uk. Facebook groups "Learn Aikido" and "Aikido Yoshinkan" are used to advertise our classes. Kenshinkai Yoshinkan Aikido group is public to allow anyone to friend/join. Kenshinkai Members (adults) and Juniors groups also available but restricted to Members or Juniors Parents/Guardians. Receiving most enquiries from Dojos.co.uk, BBC Activity Maker, Class4Kids, FridayAd, Eventbrite and Gumtree adverts which are currently free of charge. Need to identify more of these types of advertising sites for use free of charge. We have identified that online advertising is the most cost-effective method of advertising going forward.

Accepted by Mark Coldbreath and Jake Castle

8 Chairman's and Vice Chairman's Report

- I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to grade Daniel Burton to 2nd Dan. Daniel has been a valuable and loyal member of Ken Shin Kai over the past 13 years and he still manages to support seminars and gradings even though he now lives in Kentucky, USA.
- I would like to thank Mark Coldbreath for all of his hard work in running the Wales club for the past 10 years with very little support due to the distance from Portsmouth. I have been very pleased with the quality of the gradings which is due to the hard work that Mark and the members have put in.
- I am extremely pleased with the continuing success of the junior class with thanks to Richard Lewis and those that assist him (Dee, Adam, Paul, Darren and Tom). The junior class continues to have excellent attendance. Unfortunately, assistance with the classes has dropped in recent months, for various reasons, and Richard and Dee are now frequently left to setup and run the junior classes on their own, which is disappointing.
- Very pleased with Richard Lewis tuition and demonstration at the Gozo Shioda Memorial Seminar held in High Wycombe in September. Thank you to all the members who attended this seminar and represented Kenshinkai.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Japan training in Tokyo and Kyoto and who made it such a memorable trip.
- I would like to thank all Club Instructors and the Instructors that assist them, for the effort they put into running their clubs whilst taking no remuneration for the time, travel and effort expended. Without you there would be no Kenshinkai!

Vice Chairman: Second everything said by Chairman. Would like to thank everyone for all their hard work over the past year.

Accepted by Darren Foulger and Richard Lewis

9 Training and Grading Fees

No change to training or grading fees or affiliated membership fees.

10 Advertising

No funds available for paid advertising. Therefore, all advertising opportunities suggested or undertaken need to be Free of Charge (excludes printing costs for posters, A5 flyers and trifold leaflets). Would like members to suggest free methods of online advertising (e.g. pubic websites, company websites, social media etc.) these need to be emailed to kskdee@outlook.com and will be followed up by the Secretary (D. Masters).

11 Club Instructor Reports (highlights, written reports are preferred for minutes)

Sensei Richard Lewis

2016/17 has seen a good growth in club membership across the board which is good news and should be celebrated. During 2016/17 club members have participated in a Chida sensei course in the UK, a trip to Japan at which we trained at Ando sensei's dojo at Urayasu and Payet sensei's dojo in Kyoto and the GSM at High Wycombe, all with the spirit and hope of uniting and keeping the spirit of Shioda kancho's vision of aikido alive and flourishing. Thank you to all who attended and helped with these events, but also a big thank you to all those students (adults and juniors) who turn up week in and out and contribute to the general well-being and spirit within KSK. Osu!

Sensei Malcolm Courts

New mats have made a huge difference to the training environment which has been appreciated by members. FLC has been well supported by KSK members generally with regular crowd of white belts from Portsmouth turning up to boost attendance. Atmosphere has been good with brown and white belts training together well for part of sessions, benefiting the lower grades. Big hole in middle grades though! Capturing beginners continues to be a problem. First lessons tailored to them and current members very welcoming but even though feedback always very positive at end of session they don't come back! Any observations welcome. Attendance dominated by big blokes (with one notable exception!) which might put some off. Support of Eric and Jake plus Dee and Rich when they can, has been invaluable and makes it much easier to tailor teaching to needs of individuals on the day. Instructor to student ratio has been favourable!

Sensei Mark Coldbreath

Membership has been slow, currently 4, I use the lesson plan provided by Dee which they seem to enjoy. Wednesday has been changed to Tuesday to avoid the 1 day per month due to work meetings. Fridays have been reduced to one per month for weapons training. 10-year anniversary was celebrated by Llandrindod Wells students in February with a meal, further celebrations were held in August with support from Garry, Dee, Richard, Roger and Rowan who travelled up from Portsmouth, a grading was held, lunch, sightseeing including the red kite feeding, we then had a buffet in the evening. Weapons is still popular and is held once a month, the last Friday of the month. Steve was awarded his first kyu, Lukasz assistant instructor & is due to take his Shodan grading in December.

Sensei Roger Bish

Nothing further to add except to thank all members for supporting the classes available to them.

Accepted by Darren Foulger and Jake Castle

12 Any Other Business

12.1 Future Instructors

Eric Woodgate raised a point about the average age of the current club/senior instructors eventually becoming an issue. It was discussed that current younger members are not making the commitment to teach or assist with teaching on a regular basis in order for them to progress to club/senior instructor status, members present were asked to consider ideas in how to resolve this potential issue.

Meeting Closed: 14:30
Next Meeting: 14th October 2018